



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the United States Marshals Service announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

James Summers, age 48 of Omaha, was sentenced for failing to register as a sex offender. The Honorable Laurie A. Smith Camp sentenced Summers to time served. Summers has been detained since his arrest and has served a total of 286 days. Summers will begin a ten-year-term of supervised release.

Summers was convicted of Third Degree Sexual Assault in Lincoln County, Nebraska, in 2003. After his release from prison, Summers was required to register as a sex offender. Summers later moved to Iowa. He returned to Nebraska in approximately September 2007. He obtained employment in Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska. He failed to register in the County in which he worked and the County in which he lived as required under the Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Act.

Failure to Register as Sex Offender cases are a part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

Name of Defendant: James D. Summers

AKA:

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Failure to Register as a Sex Offender in the State of Nebraska; up to 10 years imprisonment, up to a \$250,000.00 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, up to five years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: From on or about August 2007 and continuing until at least June 2008

Federal Arrest Date: June 24, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: June 18, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: June 25, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled on January 15, 2009

Sentencing Date: April 6, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: In Custody

In Continuous Custody Since: June 25, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Laurie Smith Camp

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